Cultural Observances and Causes Calendar

The cultural observances and causes calendar can help to bridge the gap, bring people together, and build a shared understanding of what holds value for others. If you suggest an addition, please email june.depontesernak@centerffs.org.

January
- Poverty in America Awareness Month
- New Year’s Day
- Global Family Day/World Peace Day
- World Braille Day
- Christian: Epiphany
- Hindu: Makar Sankranti or Maghi
- World Religion Day
- National Day of Racial Healing
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- World Freedom Day
- Chinese New Year (coincides with the lunar calendar, falls on different dates each year, typically between January 21 - February 21)
- International Customs Day
- International Holocaust Remembrance Day

February
- American History Month
- Black History Month
- Canadian History Month
- Human Relations Month
- Chinese New Year (coincides with the lunar calendar, falls on different dates each year, typically between January 21 - February 21)
- St. Valentine’s Day
- Buddhist: Parinirvana or Nirvana Day
- Presidents Day
- World Day of Social Justice
• Mardi Gras
• Christian: Ash Wednesday

March
• Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month
• Greek-American Heritage Month
• Gender Equality Month
• Irish-American Heritage Month
• Ethnic Equality Month
• National Women's History Month
• National Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month
• International Women's Day
• United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace
• Purim
• World Day of Muslim Culture, Peace, Dialogue and Film
• Pi Day
• St. Urho day
• St. Patrick's Day
• United Nations: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
• World Down Syndrome Day
• Naw-Ruz (Baha'i New Year)
• Jewish: Passover
• Hindu: Holi

April
• Community Service Month
• Autism Awareness Month
• Arab-American Heritage Month
• Tartan (Scottish-American) Heritage Month
• Diversity Month
• People with Disabilities: World Autism Awareness Day
● Christian: Easter
● International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda
● Buddhist: Buddha’s Birth
● Islamic: Ramadan
● Youth Homelessness Matters Day
● Bahá’í Faith First Day of Ridvan—Festival of Ridvan
● Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah)

**May**

● National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
● Haitian Heritage Month
● Indian Heritage Month
● Jewish-American Heritage Month
● Mental Health Month
● South Asian Heritage Month
● Personal History Awareness Month
● Speech and Hearing Awareness Month
● Older Americans Month
● Cinco de Mayo
● Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for those who Lost their Lives during WWII
● LGBTQ+: International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
● World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
● International Day for Biological Diversity
● Declaration of the Bab in Shiraz, Shavuot
● Ramadan Begins
● Memorial Day
● Ascension of Baha’u’llah

**June**

● National Caribbean American Heritage Month
● AIDS Awareness Month
● LGBT Pride Month
● Black Music Month
● Race Unity Day
● Juneteenth

July
● French-American Heritage Month Independence Day
● Filipino-American Friendship Day
● The Martyrdom of the Bab
● World Population Day
● Islamic: The Hajj
● Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Pioneer Day
● Americans with Disabilities Act Signed "Disability Independence Day"
● Tisha B'Av

August
● National Civility Month
● International Day of the World’s Indigenous
● Islamic: Al-Hijri (New Year)
● Roman Catholic: Feast of the Assumption
● World Humanitarian Day
● International Day
● Women’s Equality Day
● Hindu: Janmashtami (Birth of Lord Krishna)

September
● National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15)
● National Recovery Month
● Jewish: Rosh Hashanah
● Labor Day
● Hindu: Ganesh Chaturthi
● Patriot Day
National Native American Day
International Day of Democracy
Mexican Independence Day
Rosh Hashanah
Women: HeForShe
International Day of Peace
Autumnal Equinox
Yom Kippur

October
Bullying Prevention Month
Global Diversity Awareness Month
Down Syndrome Awareness Month
Family History Month
Filipino-American Heritage Month
Italian-American Heritage Month
LGBT History Month
National Disability Employment Awareness Month
National German Heritage Month
Polish-American Heritage Month
International Day of Non-Violence
Sukkot
German American Heritage Day
People with Disabilities: World Mental Health Day
National Coming Out Day
United States: Indigenous Peoples’ Day
White Cane Safety Day
Spirit Day—Anti Bullying
International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
World Humanitarian Action Day
- International Pronouns Day
- Birth of the Bab in Shiraz
- LGBTQ+: Spirit Day
- International Stuttering Awareness Day
- Halloween
- Day of the Dead

**November**
- National Native American Heritage Month & Alaska Native Heritage Month
- Men’s Health Awareness Month
- Hindu: Diwali
- Veterans Day/Armistice Day
- Birth of Baha'u'llah
- World Kindness Day
- International Day for Tolerance
- Dutch American Heritage Day
- International Students' Day
- Thanksgiving

**December**
- Universal Human Rights Month
- World AIDS Day
- International Day for People with Disability
- International Human Rights Day
- Hanukkah
- Mexico: Las Posadas
- International Human Solidarity Day
- Winter Solstice/Yule
- Christmas
- Kwanzaa
- New Year’s Eve